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The International Advisory Team for Mongolia

Background

Mongolia is going through a **dramatic process of transition**. With the end of the Soviet Union, Mongolia went through a peaceful revolution, introducing a multi-party system and a market economy.

Twenty years later, Mongolia has become one the **fastest growing economies in the world** (thanks mainly to its rich natural resources) and a **beacon of democracy** (e.g. by Chairing the Community of Democracies and joining the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe).

Mongolia faces major challenges: geo-strategic (since it is land-locked and located between Russia and China); economic (finding new markets and avoiding the "resource curse"); social (managing the process of growth, reducing inequality, managing the process of urbanization, ensuring social security, health and welfare); environmental (desertification and pollution); and security (coping with transnational threats, maintaining good relations with its neighbours).

At the same time, **Mongolia has great opportunities**: massive natural resources (mostly minerals and metals); a global perspective (as manifested through the "third neighbour policy" and growing multi-lateral engagement); strong democratic credentials; rapid economic growth; tourism (due to the country's natural beauty and rich history); and a young and well-educated population.

Motivation

In order to **help Mongolia deal with the challenges of transition** and **realize its opportunities and aspirations**, the Government of Mongolia will create an International Advisory Team. This Team will provide short- and long-term strategic advice to the Mongolian leadership on issues of domestic and foreign policy.

Among the initial issue areas to be considered by the Team are:

- Preventing the "resource curse";
- A strategic perspective for the Sovereign Wealth Fund;
- Implementing the "Third Neighbour Policy";
- Unlocking the potential of a land-locked country;
- Branding Mongolia: how to raise Mongolia's profile/image in the world.

Composition

As requested, the International Advisory Team for Mongolia will be composed of **internationally-recognized experts** in fields of relevance to coping with Mongolia's challenges and unlocking its potential. The experts and their fields of expertise include:

- Xxxx – financial and investment strategy
- Xxxx – security and defence strategy
- Xxxx – fiscal and macro-economic strategy
- Xxxx – social and welfare policy strategy
- Xxxx – multi-lateral security strategy
- Xxxx – Asia-Pacific and foreign policy

These experts will be appointed by the Office of the President in consultation with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The composition of the Team can be changed or expanded as necessary.
The Team will meet four times a year (three times in 2013). Members of the Team are also expected to be available to answer *ad hoc* requests for advice on short notice.
The Team will be convened by the President (or his representative) or the Foreign Minister.
The activities of the Team will be supported by a Secretariat led by the International Peace Institute (IPI). The Secretariat – in cooperation with the Government of Mongolia and the international experts – will, *inter alia*, prepare background papers before every meeting in order to ensure a high-quality, focused, and evidence-based discussion with potential policy outputs.

Remuneration

Members of the Team will be remunerated by the Government of Mongolia.

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